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BOROUGH OF BIDEFORD

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ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE
HEALTH AND SANITARY
CIRCUMSTANCES
OF BIDEFORD
FOR THE YEAR
1970



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Report of Medical Officer of Health

To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Bideford.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary
Administration of the Borough for the year 1970.

Yours faithfully,

E. WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1971.

Health Committee

YEAR 1970

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor C. G. Metherell

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :

Inspector of Meats and Foods

Housing Officer

Petroleum Officer

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :

G. H. WHEELER, Cert. R.S.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH

Area in Acres	....	....	....	....	....	4,068
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate)						11,500
Rateable Value (as at 1-4-1970)	....	....	....			£391,904
Product of a Penny Rate (Year 1970/71)	....	....				£1,508
General Rate in the £ for Year 1970/71	....	....				13s. 2d.
Number of Inhabited Houses (as at 1-4-70)	....					3,807
Number of Corporation Houses (as at 31-12-70)	....					795
Density of Persons per House	....	....	....			3.02

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Births : Area Comparability Factor	....	....				1.13
Deaths : Area Comparability Factor	....	....				0.77

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

Number	....	....	....	....	....	154
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....			13.4
Rate per 1,000 population, adjusted by Comp. Factor	....	....	....	....	....	15.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	8

Stillbirths

Number	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births					Nil

Total Live and Still Births		154
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Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)				3
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births						19
Legit. Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legit. Live Births						21
Illegit. Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegit. Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	Nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)			19
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births)				13
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births)	13
Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)	
Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths	177
Death Rate per 1,000 population	15.4
Death Rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comp. Factor	11.9

POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS TABLE FOR THE BOROUGH SINCE 1950

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population (Regist. Gen. Estimate)</i>	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
1950	10,270	149	152
1951	10,200	167	187
1952	10,170	152	143
1953	10,210	146	152
1954	10,300	159	148
1955	10,220	136	140
1956	10,200	141	168
1957	10,210	174	139
1958	10,340	146	138
1959	10,460	156	157
1960	10,510	174	156
1961	10,600	146	168
1962	10,820	161	138
1963	10,820	176	163
1964	10,820	161	168
1965	10,830	163	169
1966	10,830	169	157
1967	10,850	191	177
1968	11,030	177	181
1969	11,240	167	172
1970	11,500	154	177

BIRTHS

During the year there were 154 live births, which was 13 less than occurred during 1969.

Live Births				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	....	....		76	65	141
Illegitimate	....	....		5	8	13
				<hr/> 81	<hr/> 73	<hr/> 154
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....			13.4
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comp. Fact.	....	....	....	....	....	15.1
Birth Rate for England and Wales				....	....	16.0
Still Births				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	....	....		—	—	—
Illegitimate	....	....		—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	....					Nil

DEATHS

The total number of deaths of Borough residents during the year was 177, as compared with 172 in 1969.

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
	82	95	177
Death Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....
Death Rate per 1,000 population adjusted by Comp. Factor	....	....	....
Death Rate for England and Wales	....	....	....

The following table shows the Causes of Death:

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Late Effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Oesophagus	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm—Intestine	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	—	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	—	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm—Prostate	2	—	2
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	8	9
Diabetes Mellitus	—	2	2
Anaemias	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	—	1
Hypertensive Disease	3	4	7
Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	26	46
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	3	6
Cerebrovascular Disease	14	17	31
Other Diseases of Circulatory System....	6	10	16
Influenza	2	3	5
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	1	10
Other Diseases of Respiratory System....	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	—	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	—	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	—	1
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	2	1	3
	<u>82</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>177</u>

DEATHS OCCURRED IN THE FOLLOWING AGE-GROUPS

Under 1 year	3	35-44 years	1
1- 4 years	—	45-54 years	9
5-14 years	1	55-64 years	16
15-24 years	1	65-74 years	45
25-34 years	—	Over 75 years	101

NEO-NATAL DEATHS

There were 3 deaths occurring in infants under the age of four weeks.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Three infants died under the age of one year, one due to cerebral haemorrhage, another to extreme prematurity and the third due to pneumonia.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No deaths occurred of women in childbirth.

CANCER DEATHS

There were 32 deaths from Cancer during the year, one more than in 1969.

				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Oesophagus	....	....	....	1	1	2
Stomach	....	....	....	2	2	4
Intestine	....	....	....	1	2	3
Larynx	....	....	....	—	—	—
Lungs and Bronchus	....	....	....	3	1	4
Breast	....	....	....	—	4	4
Uterus	....	....	....	—	2	2
Prostate	....	....	....	2	—	2
Leukaemia	....	....	....	1	1	2
Other	....	....	....	1	8	9
				<u>11</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>32</u>

CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS

<i>Year</i>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	....	....	....	....	—	—	—
1951	....	....	....	....	2	—	2
1952	....	....	....	....	—	—	—
1953	....	....	....	....	2	—	2
1954	....	....	....	....	3	2	5
1955	....	....	....	....	2	—	2
1956	....	....	....	....	3	—	3
1957	....	....	....	....	1	—	1
1958	....	....	....	....	2	—	2
1959	....	....	....	....	4	—	4
1960	....	....	....	....	3	1	4
1961	....	....	....	....	5	—	5
1962	....	....	....	....	5	—	5
1963	....	....	....	....	6	—	6
1964	....	....	....	....	7	—	7
1965	....	....	....	....	5	1	6
1966	....	....	....	....	3	—	3
1967	....	....	....	....	3	1	4
1968	....	....	....	....	3	1	4
1969	....	....	....	....	7	1	8
1970	....	....	....	....	3	1	4

The total number of Cancer deaths, and the percentage of Cancer Deaths to Total Deaths since 1950 are shown in the following table :—

Year	Total No. of Deaths	Cancer Deaths			Percentage of Cancer Deaths to Total Deaths
		M.	F.	Total	
1950	152	7	21	28	18.4%
1951	187	12	11	23	12.3%
1952	143	15	14	29	20.3%
1953	152	14	10	24	15.8%
1954	148	11	19	30	20.3%
1955	140	9	9	18	12.8%
1956	168	15	13	28	16.7%
1957	139	8	11	19	13.7%
1958	138	15	11	26	18.8%
1959	157	12	10	22	14.0%
1960	156	12	15	27	17.3%
1961	168	15	10	25	14.9%
1962	138	18	11	29	21.0%
1963	163	11	15	26	15.9%
1964	168	21	13	34	20.2%
1965	169	18	18	36	21.3%
1966	157	15	9	24	15.3%
1967	177	11	20	31	17.5%
1968	181	13	14	27	14.9%
1969	172	19	12	31	18.0%
1970	177	11	21	32	18.0%

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1970, arranged in age groups :—

AGE GROUPS	Measles	Tuberculosis	
		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Under 1 year	—	—	—
1+	8	—	—
2+	16	—	—
3+	18	—	—
4+	11	—	—
5—9	53	—	—
10—14	2	—	—
15—19	2	—	—
20—34	—	—	—
35—44	—	—	—
45—64	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	1
Age unknown	—	—	—
TOTAL	110	—	1

FOOD POISONING

No cases of Food Poisoning were reported.

INCIDENCE OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS SINCE 1950

Year	No. of Cases of Pulm. T.B.	Case Rate per 1,000 Population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Population
1950	7	0.68	6	0.58
1951	12	1.17	2	0.20
1952	9	0.88	0	Nil
1953	10	0.98	3	0.29
1954	8	0.78	0	Nil
1955	5	0.49	1	0.10
1956	5	0.49	1	0.10
1957	1	0.10	0	Nil
1958	6	0.58	1	0.10
1959	5	0.48	1	0.10
1960	7	0.67	1	0.10
1961	4	0.38	0	Nil
1962	3	0.28	0	Nil
1963	1	0.09	0	Nil
1964	1	0.09	1	0.09
1965	2	0.18	0	Nil
1966	2	0.18	2	0.18
1967	1	0.09	0	Nil
1968	0	Nil	0	Nil
1969	2	0.18	0	Nil
1970	0	Nil	1	0.09

The following table shows the number of cases on the Borough Tuberculosis Register on the 1st January and 31st December :

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			TOTAL
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
1970 1st January	29	29	58	5	7	12	70
31st December	28	29	57	6	7	13	70

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mass Radiography Unit now visits the Borough every fortnight on alternate Thursdays between the hours of 10.15 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. It is situated at the Council's Car Park, Kingsley Road, and its services are available to the general public (except children under 15 years of age and expectant mothers), and is also available for cases referred by General Practitioners in the area.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47, and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

This Section deals with the compulsory removal of elderly persons from their own homes, who are aged and infirm and living in insanitary conditions and who are unable to care for themselves and are not receiving proper care and attention from others. Such persons are removed to a County Welfare Home. They can be admitted voluntarily if they so desire.

No cases were dealt with under this Section during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

Protective immunization and vaccination against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, and Poliomyelitis are undertaken by the General Practitioners, and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics. There are three Infant Welfare Clinics, one at Coronation Road (Thursday afternoons), one at the Church Institute (second and fourth Tuesday afternoons each month), and one at East-the-Water Community Centre (first and third Tuesday afternoons each month).

' MEALS ON WHEELS '

This service is run by the Women's Royal Voluntary Services. The meals are prepared at Fairlea County Welfare Home and approximately ninety meals a week are delivered to the elderly.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is an Infectious Disease unit at the Kingsley Hospital, Bideford, which serves the Borough as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX

The present arrangements are that LISKEARD Smallpox Hospital will be the "first line" reception hospital for any Smallpox cases in Devon and Cornwall, with LEE MILL Hospital as "second line" hospital.

The Plymouth Ambulance now provides transport for Smallpox cases in Devon or Cornwall. The telephone number is Plymouth (OPL.2)64101.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Venereal Disease Clinic : This is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Casualty Outpatients' Department:—

Sessions

<i>Males</i>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>5.15 p.m.</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>4.00 p.m.</i>
	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>5.45 p.m.</i>		<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>4.30 p.m.</i>

Infant Welfare Clinics

There are three Infant Welfare Clinics at Bideford. They are held on the following days :—

Coronation Road Clinic

Every Thursday afternoon 2-4 p.m.

Church Institute

Second and fourth Tuesday afternoon in each month 2—4 p.m.

East-the-Water Community Centre

First and third Tuesday afternoon in each month 2-4 p.m.

Coronation Road Clinic

Dental Clinics :	every Tuesday morning.
Eye Clinic :	every Wednesday by appointment.
Family Planning Clinic :	every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening in the month by appointment.
Hearing Clinic :	on the 1st Tuesday morning each month by appointment.
Speech Therapy Clinic :	held alternate Fridays by appointment.
Chiroprody Clinic:	1st, 2nd and 4th Monday in the month by appointment. 3rd Tuesday morning each month by appointment. 2nd Thursday morning each month by appointment. every Friday with the exception of 1st Friday in the month by appointment.
Cytology Clinic:	approximately one a month by appointment.

Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

To the Worshipful the Mayor and Members of the Bideford Borough Council

Your Worship, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have much pleasure in submitting my twentieth Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the area.

Slum Clearance continued to play a major part in the work of the department. The result of a Local Public Inquiry into the compulsory purchase of houses in the New Street/Lower Gunstone area was received confirming the Council's Clearance Order and agreeing to the compulsory purchase of houses in this area. A comprehensive survey of houses in the Torrington Lane, Sunnyside and Torridge Mount area was well advanced prior to a report to the Council being prepared on conditions in that part of Bideford East. It was expected, as a result of this survey, that clearance action to be recommended would be confined to the Torrington Lane area.

1970 saw a significant and most encouraging boost in the number of applications and approvals issued in respect of Discretionary Improvement Grants, evidently arising from the Housing Act introduced last year, which widened the scope of grant schemes for house improvement and extended grant-aid to cover the cost of repairs necessary to make the improvement work fully effective. As projected clearance schemes draw nearer to a close, attention will inevitably be focused more and more on the rehabilitation of older properties to prevent their becoming the slums of the future. Amendments in the law with regard to rents where dwellings are in good repair and provided with standard amenities gave rise to only a few applications for qualification certificates, which enable landlords to have fair rents registered in these cases. Notwithstanding this slow start, it is expected that applications will speed up considerably as landlords become aware of these important provisions.

Progress in other spheres of work of the department showed a continuing increase in activity, particularly in the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

HOUSING

The number of applicants on the waiting list for Council houses at the end of 1970 was slightly in excess of that for 1969. Once again, a considerable number of houses was built in the Borough by private enterprise, and it is somewhat surprising once more that this has not, apparently, had a significant effect on the number of applicants for Council houses. One must conclude from this that a considerable number of people are being attracted into the Borough from other parts of the country.

A substantial number of tenants living in prefab bungalows at Grenville Estate were rehoused prior to demolition of these properties. Rehousing of residents in the New Street and Vinegar Hill Clearance Areas was almost completed.

Improvement Grants

Work under this heading is summarised as follows:

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications brought forward from							
1969	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Number of applications received	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Number of applications approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	21
Number of applications not finalised by end of							
year	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Estimated value of work approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	£17,914.65

Standard Grants (Private dwellings)

Number of applications received	....	....	....	....	....	....	10
Number of applications approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
Number of applications not finalised by end of							
year	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Estimated maximum value of work approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	£3,260

Standard Grants (Council houses)

Number of applications brought forward from							
1969	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Number of applications received	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
Number of applications approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
Estimated maximum value of work approved	....	....	....	....	....	....	£1260

RENT ACT 1968

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year, but an Undertaking previously given in 1969 in respect of repairs to a house was complied with.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Informal action was taken during the year in respect of one house in multiple occupation with a view to certain defects and deficiencies being remedied.

HOUSES COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED DURING THE YEAR WERE:

(a) By the Borough Council	....	....	....	....	59
(b) By private enterprise	....	....	....	....	104
				Total	<hr/> 163
Applicants on housing list at end of 1969	....	....			117
Applicants added to list during 1970	....	....			180
				Total	<hr/> 297
Applicants housed by transfers and new tenancies				121	
Applicants removed from the list having obtained private accommodation or left the district	....			40	
				<hr/>	161
Number of applicants on list at end of year	....				<hr/>136

Continuing the Council's policy for making available housing accommodation to help newly established industries in the town, nine key workers were housed, this number included in the above number of applicants housed by transfers and new tenancies.

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS

Dwellings inspected under Public Health Acts	238
Revisits made under Public Health Acts	245
Miscellaneous under Public Health Acts	52
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	13
Clean Air Act, 1956	4
Dwellings inspected under Housing Acts	150
Revisits made under Housing Acts	99
Miscellaneous under Housing Acts	8
Overcrowding	12
Housing Acts (Discretionary Grants)	69
Housing Acts (Discretionary Grants)—Revisits	70
Housing Acts (Standard Grants)	92
Housing Acts (Standard Grants)—Revisits	77
Council Houses (including investigation of Council House applications)	377
Inspection of Food and Food Premises	66
Inspection of Food and Food Premises—Revisits	27
Inspection of Ice Cream Premises	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	78
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963—Revisits	8
Factories Act	6
Pet Animals Act, 1951	3
Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	2
Petroleum	14
Petroleum—Revisits	12
Insect Pests	11
Insect Pests—Revisits	3
Rodent Control	6
Rodent Control—Revisits	9
Mortuary	11
Number of Preliminary Notices served	61
Number of Preliminary Notices completed	56
Number of Notices served under Food Hygiene Regulations	12
Number of Notices completed under Food Hygiene Regulations	5
Number of Notices served under Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	2
Number of Notices completed under Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	3
Number of Statutory Notices served	10
Number of Statutory Notices completed	12

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	1	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	85	5	5	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	9	—	—	—
Total	103	6	6	—

2. Defects Found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	1	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) :—					
(a) Insufficient	2	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	1	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	6	2	1	5	Nil

Part VIII of the Act. OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel— Making, Etc.	51	—	—	—	—	—
Feather Sorting	3	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	55	—	—	—	—	—

RAINFALL

The Borough Surveyor kindly supplied the following particulars of the rainfall recorded at King George V Field.

					mm
January	....	....	....	....	110.2
February	....	....	....	....	106.4
March	....	....	....	....	64.3
April	....	....	....	....	60.3
May....	....	....	....	....	37.9
June....	....	....	....	....	47.9
July	65.7
August	97.9
September		82.9
October	66.7
November		187.1
December	51.7
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					979.0mm
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WATER SUPPLY

Public Supplies

The North Devon Water Board continued to provide the district with a supply of drinking water which was satisfactory in quality and quantity and not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

As the fluoride content of North Devon waters is only an insignificant trace and is not likely to vary much, samples for examination for determining fluoride are not being taken regularly.

The output of Jennetts Waterworks during the year averaged 536,000 gallons per day, of which 164,000 gallons per day were pumped into the Northam system. The output of Gammaton Waterworks averaged 147,000 gallons per day. To enable Jennetts Works to maintain this output the Yeo-Duntz pumps delivered an average of 300,000 gallons per day of river water to Jennetts Reservoir for a period of 14 weeks during the summer.

Forty-four samples of treated water from the Jennetts supply were submitted for bacteriological examination, and all but one of these were Class I. Forty-three samples of treated water from the Gammaton supply were submitted for bacteriological examination, and all but three of these were Class I. Remedial action was taken following adverse reports on the four samples mentioned above.

Private Supplies

No samples from private supplies were taken during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewage Disposal

Discussions with Northam Urban District Council and the Devon County Council continued during the period under review, regarding the provision of a disposal works; and eventually planning applications were submitted for a treatment works near Northam Burrows and an outfall works at Cornborough.

As a result of the consideration of these applications, it was decided to proceed with the outfall works at Cornborough, and with a view to hastening along the preparation of a scheme suitable to submit to the Ministry, a joint working party was formed with Northam Urban District Council.

Drainage

Considerable inspectorial time was again taken up with investigation of problems connected with old drainage systems.

INSECT PESTS

Very little trouble was experienced from insect pests during the year. A few minor infestations of fleas were reported and dealt with.

RODENT CONTROL

Work proceeded smoothly with the part-time officer satisfactorily dealing with complaints and routine investigations.

Both the Council's refuse tip and the town sewers were given periodical attention. The sewers continued to show very little sign of infestation.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

The number of licences to keep Pet Shops issued during the year was two.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

No premises in the Borough are registered under the above-mentioned Act.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The functions of the Devon County Council with regard to licensing of waste food boiling plants for animal feeding continue to be delegated to this Council.

The importance of adequate boiling of the food before feeding to animals or fowls cannot be over-emphasised as it is considered that failure to do this is responsible for some of the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, swine fever and fowl pest.

There is one licensed plant in this area, and this is inspected regularly.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

This Act requires establishments used for boarding cats or dogs to be licensed annually by the local authority.

One such establishment was licensed by the Council.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

The number of dealers remaining on the register of Scrap Metal Dealers during the year was five. The name of one dealer was removed from the register when he failed to re-register and it was subsequently ascertained that he no longer operated as a Scrap Metal Dealer.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of Registered Premises at end of year	No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	3	60	—
Retail Shops	—	126	42
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	1	13	6
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	—	13	4
Fuel Storage Depots	—	4	—

Total number of inspections and re-inspections during the year was 86.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Premises	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	493
Retail Shops	492
Wholesale departments, warehouses	125
Catering Establishments open to the public	123
Canteens	—
Fuel storage depots	33
Total	1266
Males	608
Females	658

Exemptions

No applications for exemption regarding space, temperature, sanitary conveniences or washing facilities have been received.

Accidents

The Act requires that the enforcing authority be notified forthwith of any accident occurring on the premises which

- (a) causes the death of a person employed to work on the premises or
- (b) disables any such person for more than three days.

No accidents were reported during the year.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

The foodstuffs shown in the following table were inspected and condemned for the reasons stated:—

TABLE OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS

Foodstuffs Condemned	Cause of Condemnation	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
10 Tins of meat	Tins blown or damaged	—	—	2	23	0
15 Tins of meat	Decomposition	—	1	0	21	12
2 Tins of meat	In a state of liquefaction	—	—	—	12	0
4 Tins of meat	Souring	—	—	—	21	0
147 Packets of meat	Unsaleable due to refrigeration failure	—	—	2	19	8½
Portion of beef	State of decomposition due to refrigeration failure	—	—	—	—	—
220 Packets of fish	Unsaleable due to refrigeration failure	—	—	—	19	0
21 Tins of fruit	Tins blown or damaged	—	—	2	37	10
55 Cauliflowers	Deteriorated badly and in early stages of rot	—	—	—	21	10
25 Tins of vegetables	Tins blown or damaged	—	—	1	12	0
2 Sponges	Unsaleable due to refrigeration failure	—	—	—	24	8
2 Tins of cream	Tins blown or damaged	—	—	—	1	2
		—	—	—	—	6
	TOTAL	—	4	2	17	8½

In addition to the above the following foodstuffs were condemned following failure of refrigeration plant:

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| 10 Packets of sliced beans | 1 Steak and kidney pie |
| 23 Packets of garden peas | 3 Packets of sausage savouries |
| 8 Savoury beef pies | 4 Packets of puff pastry |
| 6 Chicken pies | |

The number of food premises in this area, by type of business is:—

Bakehouses	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Butchers Shops	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
Cafes and Restaurants including Fish Saloons and Fish and Chip Shops	....	....	....	....	....	....	23
Confectioners	....	....	....	....	....	....	21
Fishmongers	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Greengrocers	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Grocers and Provision Dealers	....	....	....	....	....	....	45
Market	....	....	....	....	....	....	1

9 premises are registered for the manufacture or storage of preserved foods.

62 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, one being a wholesale store supplying other retailers.

In addition there is one registered manufacturer of ice cream producing ice cream by the heat treatment method, and one registered manufacturer using the cold mix method of manufacture.

Condemned food, which consists mainly of tinned foods and small quantities of provisions, is taken by the Council's cleansing department and disposed of by burying at the bottom of the refuse tip.

56 visits of inspection were made to food premises, vans and stalls, and improvements secured where necessary.

MILK SUPPLY

15 purveyors of milk are registered as distributors, one of these being a large concern which is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority as a pasteurising establishment. This establishment, in addition to selling by retail, supplies by wholesale the remaining distributors.

There are two premises registered as a dairy.

PETROLEUM LICENCES

The number of licences issued for the year was thirty-four. Total quantities stored were 75,955 gallons of petroleum spirit and 2,079 gallons 6 pints of petroleum mixtures.

The total fees paid to the Council in respect of the above licences amounted to £129.00.

In concluding I wish to thank all members and officials of the Corporation, Dr. Williams, and the staff in my office for their help and consideration.

I am,

Your Worship, Aldermen and Councillors,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. T. NETTING.

